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SUBJ: FISHING VESSELS IN PORT-GENTIL

REF: LIBREVILLE 1412 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

1. PORT-GENTIL PORT COMMANDANT HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING OWNERS OF THREE FISHING VESSELS ORIGINALLY BELIEVED TO BE PROPERTY OF INTERNATIONAL PROTEIN CORPORATION (IPC) WHICH WERE LEFT BEHIND IN PORT-GENTIL IN AUGUST AS SECURITY FOR UNPAID MOBIL OIL BILLS (REFTELS).

2. COMMANDANT HAS BEEN TOLD BY SOURCE OF UNCERTAIN ACCURACY THAT VESSELS BELONG TO LUANDA -BASED FISHING COMPANY NAMED FRIFAR, ALLEGED TO BE SUBSIDIARY OF NEW YORK FIRM OF SAME NAME. VESSELS ARE LAILA (BEARING NUMBER 7530) AND TAHANI (NUMBERED 7162), BOTH OF PANAMANIAN REGISTRY, AND TACHU (NUMBER 658), OF CANADIAN REGISTRY.

3. EMBASSY UNABLE IDENTIFY FRIFAR FROM REFERENCE WORKS AVAILABLE HERE, AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY HELP DEPARTMENT OR USDOC CAN PROVIDE. POSSIBLY IPR CAN PROVIDE MORE
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INFORMATION ON FIRM TO WHICH IT SOLD ITS ANGOLAN OPERA-

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TIONS LAST YEAR AND INDICATE WHETHER SUCCESSOR HAD
ANY U.S. AFFILIATION.

4. PORT COMMANDANT ADDED THAT VALUE OF THREE VESSELS
CONSIDERABLY EXCEEDS AMOUNT DUE TO MOBIL OIL (UNDER
DOLS 7,000), SO THAT THEIR RECOVERY OWNERS SHOULD BE
WELCOME. HE CONCLUDED WITH EXPRESSION OF CONCERN FOR
SECURITY OF VESSELS IF LEFT MUCH LONGER AT PORT-GENTIL,
AS STORMY SEASON IS BEGINNING AND VESSELS RIDING UNATTENDED
AT ANCHOR IN HARBOR.

5. FOR YAOUNDE. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PASSING ABOVE TO
YOUR CANADIAN COLLEAGUES, WHO ALSO ACCREDITED HERE, IN
VIEW CANADIAN REGISTRY ONE OF VESSELS CONCERNED.
ANY LIGHT THEY CAN SHED ON OWNERSHIP WOULD BE MOST
WELCOME.STEIGMAN

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